THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE B. PRAKASH RAO
AND
THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE RAMESH RANGANATHAN

WRIT PETITION NO. 23900 OF 2006

Date: 15.12.2006

Between:

A.P. Rao.

… Petitioner

and

Union of India rep., by its Secretary to the Govt., Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms, Ministry of Personnel, New Delhi and three others.

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Respondents.

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ORDER: (per Hon'ble Sri Justice Ramesh Ranganathan)

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Pleader for Services I and at their request the main writ petition itself is taken up for disposal.

The present writ petition is filed in as much as the Tribunal, while admitting the O.A., did not pass an interim order suspending the order of punishment of compulsory retirement. We see no reason to interfere either, as this Court in exercise of its jurisdiction under Article 226 of the Constitution of India would not, ordinarily, interdict orders of punishment. On the O.A. being finally heard, and disposed of, any injury or prejudice which the petitioner may have suffered thereby can always be redressed.

We however find force in the submission of Sri Siva, learned Counsel for the petitioner, that the O.A. itself requires expeditious disposal. Learned Government Pleader would fairly agree to such a request and would submit that the pleadings would be complete within a period of one month from today. The Tribunal, after giving all the parties involved an opportunity of being heard, shall dispose of the main O.A. itself within a period of

three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

The writ petition is accordingly disposed of. However, in the circumstances, without costs.

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B. PRAKASH RAO, J

Date: 15-12-2006

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RAMESH RANGANATHAN, J

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